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1. A SIX-MEMBER CHINESE DELGATION WAS IN DENMARK JUNE 23-25 FOR A MEETING OF THE CHINESE DANISH JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION. THE CHIENSE DELEGATION HAD JUST COME FROM A SIMILAR MEETING IN NORWAY AND WAS ENROUTE TO ROME FOR A CHINESE-ITALIAN JOINT COMMISSION MEETING THERE.

2.CHIEF OF DIVISION IN THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR RELATIONS WITH STATE TRADING COUNTRIES, THUNE ANDERSEN, TOLD US THAT A VERY POSITIVE ATOMSPHERE PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE SERIES OF MEETINGS. IN PREPARING FOR THE MEETING THE CHINESE SIDE HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST MAINLY IN SHIP BUILDING AND FOOD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROCESSING AND THEIR VISIT WAS CENTERED MAINLY

AROUND VISITS TO THESE INDUSTRIES.

- 3. THUNE ANDERSEN ALSO STATED THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY AN INTRA-CHINESE DEBATE PROGRESSING CONCERNING CONTAINERIZATION WITH ONE FACTION FAVORING THE ENTRY OF CHINESE MERCHANT SHIPPING DIRECTLY INTO CONTAINERIZATION IN A MAJOR WAY AND THE OTHER ADVOCATING A MORE GRADUAL SWITCH TO CONTAINERS WITH CURRENT RELIANCE ON TRADITIONAL METHODS. THE CHINESE DELEGATION WAS VERY INTERESTED IN VIEWING AND DISCUSSING CONTAINERIZATION WITH THE DANES.
- 4. THE DANES CURRENTLY HAVE A TRADE DEFICIT IN THEIR TRADE WITH THE CHINESE AND HAVE BEEN GENTLY PRESSURING THEM TO TAKE SOME ACTION TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION. IN RESPONSE, THE CHINESE HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED TO PURCHASE A MINIMUM OF ONE DANISH SHIP. THE SIZE OF THE SHIP IS NOT KNOWN.
- 5. THE CHINESE SIDE HAS ALREADY REQUESTED A RETURN MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION IN CHINA NEXT YEAR. CROWE

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